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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,824,014

AL European Application 0 647 454

AM PCT Application WO97/18010

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The European application corresponding to Reference AA, plus References AL and AM, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

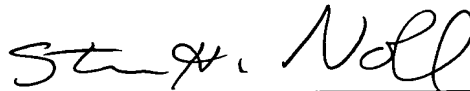
The German Patent and Trademark Office also cited United States Patent No. 4,228,803, however, that reference has already been made of record as Reference AD in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 5, 2001.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the other previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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